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Applicant notes the following related co-pending applications, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/697,433, 10/697,431, and 10/697,434, which are commonly assigned to the Assignee of the present application. These applications relate to U.S. Patent Publication Nos. 2004/0143777, 2004/0153791, and 2004/0153881, respectively, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08.

Furthermore, copies of the listed foreign document and non-patent literature documents are attached. Copies of the listed U.S. patents and published patent publications are not enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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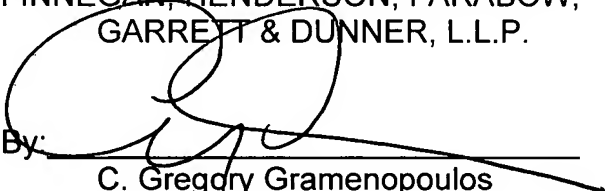
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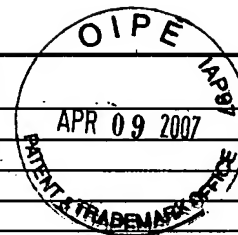
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